

EXHIBIT NO. 9

**D.S., ET AL. vs CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, ET AL.**  
**Officer Jose Yamasaki on 12/11/2024**

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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4 D.S., a minor by and through his )  
guardian ad litem Elsa Acosta, )  
5 individually and as successor-in- )  
interest to William Salgado; C.S., )  
6 a minor by and through his guardian )  
ad litem Elsa Acosta, individually )  
7 and as successor-in-interest to )  
William Salgado; J.S., a minor by )  
8 and through her guardian ad litem )  
Elsa Acosta, individually and as )  
9 successor-in-interest to William )  
Salgado; M.S., a minor by and )  
10 through her guardian ad litem Elsa )  
Acosta, individually and as )  
11 successor-in-interest to William )  
Salgado, )

12 )  
Plaintiffs, )

13 )  
v. )

14 ) Case No. 2:23-

15 CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK; NICK )  
NICHOLS; RENE REZA; MATTHEW RINCON; )  
16 APRIL WHEELER; and DOES 5 through )  
10, inclusive, )

17 )  
Defendants. )

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19 DEPOSITION OF OFFICER JOSE YAMASAKI

20 Remotely Via Videoconference

21 Wednesday, December 11, 2024

22 1:33 p.m. to 4:22 p.m.

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24 REPORTED BY:  
KIM FARBER  
25 CSR NO. 13239

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1 The deposition of OFFICER JOSE YAMASAKI, taken  
2 on behalf of the Plaintiffs D.S., C.S., J.S., and  
3 M.S. remotely via videoconference, commencing at  
4 1:33 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2024, before Kim  
5 Farber, CSR No. 13239.

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6 THE COURT REPORTER: Good afternoon. My name  
7 is Kim Farber, CSR Number 13239. I am taking this  
8 deposition on behalf of Huseby.

9 We are here for the deposition of OFFICER JOSE  
10 YAMASAKI. The date is December 11, 2024. The time is  
11 1:33 p.m.

12 This deposition is being taken via Zoom  
13 conference.

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15 OFFICER JOSE YAMASAKI,  
16 witness herein, having been called by and on  
17 behalf of the Plaintiffs D.S., C.S., J.S., and M.S., was  
18 sworn and testified as follows:

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20 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. And you could lower  
21 your hand. May we please have introductions of all  
22 persons present, starting with the taking attorney.

23 MR. LEVINE: Benjamin Levine, Law Offices of  
24 Dale K. Galipo for the Salgado Plaintiffs.

25 MR. HENDERSON: Good afternoon. My name is

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1 Kent Henderson, of counsel, Carrazco Law, APC on behalf  
2 of William Salgado and others, Plaintiffs.

3 MS. GARCIA: Good afternoon. Christy Garcia  
4 from Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin on behalf of the  
5 Defendants.

6 THE WITNESS: Police Officer Jose Yamasaki,  
7 Huntington Park Police Department.

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9 EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. LEVINE:

11 Q All right, Officer. Could you start -- I know  
12 you said your name a moment ago. Can you just spell your  
13 name for the record, please?

14 A First name Jose, J-o-s-e. Last name Yamasaki,  
15 Y-a-m-a-s-a-k-i.

16 Q Thank you, Officer. Have you had your  
17 deposition taken before?

18 A No.

19 Q Have you testified in court before?

20 A Yes.

21 Q How many times approximately?

22 A Once.

23 Q All right. Would that have been in criminal  
24 court if you know?

25 A I do not know.

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1 Q Have you ever been a party to a civil lawsuit  
2 before?

3 A No.

4 Q So we have a court reporter today. She just  
5 swore you in. I know that you mentioned you have not had  
6 your deposition taken before, so I just want to cover a  
7 couple of basics before we start off.

8 She will be taking down all of my questions,  
9 all of your answers, any objections your attorney might  
10 make, and she's typing all of that out. So it's  
11 important that we speak a little bit slowly so that she  
12 can get all of that and also not talk over each other.  
13 You might know where my question is going in a normal  
14 conversation. You might kind of jump in to give the  
15 answer to the question you know I'm asking before I'm  
16 quite finished.

17 But just for this deposition today, if you  
18 could please let me finish before answering, I'll do my  
19 best to let you finish your answer before I ask another  
20 question. Sometimes there can be a little bit of a delay  
21 over Zoom. So as long as we do our best, I think that's  
22 fine. Does that sound all right to you?

23 A Yes, it does.

24 Q Okay. I'll plan to go for about an hour, and  
25 then we can take a break. But if you need to take a

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1 A I saw that he still had his left hand in his  
2 pocket, but at the time, I did not see a weapon.

3 Q Did you ever see a gun on him at any time?

4 A No.

5 Q Did you ever see a gun in the possession of any  
6 civilian at the scene at any time that day?

7 A No.

8 Q The only guns you ever saw that day while you  
9 were there were being held by officers?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Do you know the person in the white shirt now  
12 to be someone who was named William Salgado?

13 A Yes.

14 Q So if I talk about William or Mr. Salgado, will  
15 you understand that I'm referring to the person who was  
16 wearing the white shirt that day?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Did you learn his name at any point before the  
19 gunshots were fired?

20 A No.

21 Q You only learned that his name was William  
22 Salgado after the shooting?

23 A Yes.

24 Q After you and the other officers formed a line  
25 like you've described to me already after entering



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1 photograph, or would they have been out of view? In  
2 other words, they would have been even further back than  
3 this?

4 MS. GARCIA: Objection. Calls for speculation.  
5 Calls for an incomplete hypothetical. The document  
6 speaks for itself. You can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: I wouldn't be able to tell given  
8 the view that the photo was taken of.

9 BY MR. HENDERSON:

10 Q Let's try this. Do you see where the end of  
11 the stairs are where you are right there?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Coming up the stairs? Okay. At the time that  
14 the officers were shooting bullets, I'm talking about  
15 actual bullets at this guy, were they down as far as the  
16 end of those stairs right there, or were they farther  
17 back than that?

18 A Again, I wouldn't be able to tell being that I  
19 only focused on Salgado.

20 Q Okay. Was one of the officers who was  
21 shooting, was it Officer Nichols?

22 A I couldn't tell who was shooting at the moment.

23 Q Okay. All right. Was one of the officers who  
24 was shooting, was he all the way back in the entryway or  
25 breezeway behind where these stairs are?

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1           A     Again, I wouldn't have been able to tell who if  
2     he was -- where he was standing or if he shot at the  
3     time.

4           Q     Let me ask you this. If we were to determine  
5     where the position of the officers were and if we were to  
6     measure it to where this body we see is lying at its  
7     point of rest and if it were to come out that really that  
8     distance from where the officers shot to where this body  
9     is is more like 45 to 50 feet away from where the  
10    officers shot rather than 20 to 25 feet, would you go  
11    with that as being the correct distance rather than your  
12    estimate that you gave earlier?

13           MS. GARCIA: Objection. Calls for speculation.  
14    Calls for an incomplete hypothetical. Assumes facts not  
15    in evidence. You can answer.

16           THE WITNESS: I would go with my estimate.

17    BY MR. HENDERSON:

18           Q     All right. And do you think that the area, the  
19    distance from where that body that we see is there to the  
20    base of the stairs where you're located in this  
21    photograph, you think that's only about 20 feet?

22           MS. GARCIA: Objection. Calls for speculation.  
23    You can answer.

24           THE WITNESS: I wouldn't be able to tell.

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1 BY MR. HENDERSON:

2 Q Was the day that you were there the first time  
3 you had ever been to this apartment building?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Did you ever go to where the officers were  
6 shooting from that day or any day since then and pace it  
7 off, taking your feet and actually putting one foot in  
8 front of the other and pacing it off down to where the  
9 body lay to figure out and recreate about how far it was?

10 A I have not been to that location since the day  
11 of the incident.

12 Q All right. So you've never done that. You  
13 never tried to figure it out by actually pacing it off or  
14 measuring it; right?

15 A I have not.

16 MR. HENDERSON: Okay. All right. I don't have  
17 any questions. Thank you.

18 MS. GARCIA: I have no questions. Ben, do you  
19 have any follow-up?

20 MR. LEVINE: I don't. Thank you. And thank  
21 you, Officer Yamasaki. Appreciate your time today.

22 THE WITNESS: Thank you so much.

23 MR. HENDERSON: Thank you, Officer.

24 THE COURT REPORTER: Ms. Garcia, did you need a  
25 copy?

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1 MS. GARCIA: Yes, please.

2 THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Henderson?

3 MR. HENDERSON: Yeah, I'll take a copy.

4 (The deposition concluded at 4:22 p.m.)

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1 DEPONENT'S DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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I, OFFICER JOSE YAMASAKI, do hereby declare  
under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing  
transcript; that I have made any corrections as appear  
noted, in ink, initialed by me; that my testimony as  
contained herein, as corrected, is true and correct.

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EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

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2024, at \_\_\_\_\_, California.

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1 C E R T I F I C A T E

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3 I, KIM FARBER, CSR, do hereby certify:

4 That the foregoing proceedings were taken  
5 before me at the time and place herein set forth;

6 That the witness in the foregoing deposition,  
7 prior to testifying, was placed under oath;

8 That a verbatim record of the proceedings was  
9 made by me using machine shorthand which was thereafter  
10 transcribed under my direction;

11 Further, that the foregoing is an accurate  
12 transcription thereof.

13 If this is a Federal case, the deponent HAS  
14 [ ] HAS NOT [ X ] been requested to read and sign the  
15 transcript.

16 I further certify that I am neither financially  
17 interested in the action nor a relative or employee of an  
18 attorney of any of the parties.

19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have this date subscribed  
20 my name.

21 Dated: December 17, 2024

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KIM FARBER  
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